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## BULLY BEEF!

Alarming Affair at Stonecutters.

## FORTY GUNNERS AFFECTED.

Military Authorities Trace Cause of Trouble.

About forty men in the Royal Artillery general mess at Stonecutters' Island, belonging to the 20th and 31st Heavy Batteries, have recovered from what appeared to be an attack of poisoning after a breakfast of bully beef rissoles one morning.

The first sign that anything was wrong was when some of the soldiers complained of severe stomach ache. The Senior Medical Officer of the South China Command, his technical experts and other military medical officers were rushed across, in response to a summons, in a special launch.

The men were found to be vomiting and suffering from violent abdominal pains. The ailment was identified at once and treatment given. In a little while, most of the men were on the way to recovery, thanks to the immediate steps to combat the sickness.

Removed the Night Before. Samples were taken immediately—and laboratory—tests made. The source of the trouble was traced to the rissoles or, rather, to the manner in which they had been prepared, by the Chinese cooks.

The beef was removed from the containers the evening before, minced, and put in the ice-chest for that morning's breakfast. There may have been contamination during the interval which led to "decomposition." On the other hand, decomposition may have been due to uncleanliness of one or more of the Chinese cooks employed in the general mess.

## BULLY BEEF All Right.

It has been established by the experts that there was nothing wrong with the bully beef. There was no sign of "blown tins," or "puffed cans," terms used in one section of the tinned-food industry.

Alarm need not be felt over the outbreak. Opinion in the best-informed circles is that such may occur in any well-regulated household. But the occurrence does stress the importance of scrupulous cleanliness and care in all culinary establishments.

That the Stonecutters' affair did not become more serious is very likely due to the prompt measures taken by the Military medical authorities. The Gunners have all recovered now and are without any appreciable ill-effect.

## THE "ITALIA."

STILL NO NEWS OF THE AIRSHIP.

## RUSSIAN COMMITTEE.

London, Yesterday. There is still no news of the "Italia." It now appears that the S.O.S. picked up at San Francisco came from the wireless station at Vladivostock, which broadcast an appeal for help for the "Italia" in five languages.

Moscow, Yesterday. Aviation circles consider it possible that the airship might land on the Siberian coast. If this is so a special relief expedition will be sent to her assistance.

## Cordova, Alaska, Yesterday.

The United States naval wireless station here has intercepted a wireless message from the "Citta di Milano," the supply ship to the "Italia," showing that she is battling with a fierce snowstorm to the north of Cape Barren. Reuter.

## Russian Committee Formed.

Moscow, Yesterday. A special committee has been formed for the relief of the missing airship "Italia," and it has been decided to ask the Governments of the United States, Japan, and Norway to co-operate in the search for the missing vessel. Reuter.

Mrs. H. Woods, together with the Misses Eileen and Doris Woods, were passengers on the "Empress of Asia" which left today for Vancouver.

A farewell concert was held at the new Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. last night at which presentations were made to the three ladies.

## AIR ARMADA.

What the Italians Are Doing.

## 61 FLYING-BOATS.

Engaged On Tour Of Western Mediterranean.

Cartagena, Yesterday. A great welcome was accorded the Italian Air Armada of 61 flying boats, commanded by the famous aviator General De Pinedo who arrived in connection with his tour of the Western Mediterranean.

The flight, in which Signor Bulbo, Under-Secretary of Naval Aeronautics, and Foreign Air Attachés from Rome, are participating, started from Orbetello on May 26, has visited Sardinia and the Balearics and returns to Orbetello via Marseilles, a distance of 1,750 miles.—Reuter.

## BONDED LIQUOR.

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS BEFORE MAGISTRATE.

## NOMINAL FINE.

Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte, wine and spirit merchants, were this morning summoned before Lieut.-Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O., at

the instance of the Government Import and Export Office, for removing two gallons of brandy and two gallons of cocktail from their bonded warehouse without a permit.

Mr. C. E. L. Grist, for the defence, pleaded guilty to a technical offence.

Mr. E. C. K. Hawkins, of the Treasury, who appeared as prosecutor, admitted that in a sense the offence was a technical one, and he did not wish to imply that Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte were attempting to defraud the Government. At the same time he must take a serious view of the matter.

He said that licensed warehouses were private bonds, and as such they were not subject to very strict revenue control, because it is realised that the firms having such warehouses were of sufficient repute to obviate any suggestion of possible fraud.

The procedure with regard to these warehouses is that they are opened in the mornings and closed in the evening by a Revenue Officer, the lock used being one supplied by the department. During the time the warehouses are opened goods may be taken out either for export or for sale locally. It was laid down by the regulations that in the case of goods removed for sale in the local market, duty must be paid and a permit for removal obtained. This the defendants had failed to do in this case.

Proceeding, Mr. Hawkins said that at one time it was thought that it would be more convenient for firms to pay duty weekly, the suggested procedure being that they pay no deposit with the Government an amount representing the average week's duty paid by each particular firm. When this suggestion was placed before the firms concerned, however, almost all of them refused to accept it, preferring to pay their duty daily.

Therefore, when it was now

found that Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte had been taking liquor out of their warehouse without a permit and without paying duty, it must be viewed as a serious breach of regulations, one which struck at the root of private warehouses.

Whilst it was admitted that it was not thought that the defendants were out to defraud the revenue, at the same time the view must be taken that they must be aware of the fact that a permit must be taken out before the liquor could be taken out for consumption in the local market, and they had ignored the regulations, the absolutely essential point of which was that a permit must be obtained before removal.

## Question of Duty.

Continuing, Mr. Hawkins said that Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte say that they pay their duty once in four days. That, he said, could not be accepted, as the defendants had not paid any deposit; and the Government, by this procedure of the defendants, were losing interest on their money.

Asked by the Magistrate if the Import and Export Office had any means of checking the movements of goods, Mr. Hawkins said that they could do so by taking stock at the warehouse, but he comment-

## YANG SEN WINNING?

War Within 20 Miles of Chungking.

## THE UPPER YANGTSE.

Warlords' Struggle for Control Continues.

Local, minor warlords along the Upper Yangtze River continue to struggle for more power and more territory.

At first, General Yang Sen was pursued down-river by his opponents who occupied positions further up, and all the way to Chungking, the Treaty Port 1,400 miles from the sea.

This week Yang Sen counter-

attacked and succeeded. He is believed to have commanded five foreign ships to transport his troops back up the River.

Bandits at Wuhan.

According to a British Naval wireless, fighting is rumoured to have broken out within 20 miles of Chungking. This indicates that either Yang Sen is making rapid progress in his march on rivals at Chungking, or the opponents of Yang Sen are quarrelling among themselves in the hour of defeat.

Following the report of firing by bandits on the Jardine steamer "Kingwo" at Ichang, a later despatch says that bandits are reported to be active in the neighbourhood of Wuhan, a Lower Yangtze port which is only 55 miles above the Nationalist capital at Nanking.

It is said to have resulted 6,000 being killed. The Shansiites are attempting to draw the Mukden main force thither. Thereby weakening their position on other fronts and facilitating Feng Yu-hsiang's troops breaking through further east at the important strategic centre, Huchien.—Reuter.

6,000 KILLED.

## COUNCIL OF WAR.

Nationalist Generals in Conference.

## CONCERNING THE WAR.

Other Officers Also Discussing Tactics.

Nothing further has been heard of the counter-attack by the Northern armies of Peking against the Nationalist allies.

Preliminary Talk.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the "Christian General," Feng Yu-hsiang (chief of the Kuomintang) and General Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi are to hold a council of

Heavy Fighting in North.

Tokyo, To-day.

It is learned from Tientsin that heavy fighting has occurred between the Mukden and Shansi forces along the Peking-Hankow railway front since May 26 and is said to have resulted 6,000 being killed. The Shansiites are attempting to draw the Mukden main force thither. Thereby weakening their position on other fronts and facilitating Feng Yu-hsiang's troops breaking through further east at the important strategic centre, Huchien.—Reuter.

Whereas in other places the graves of American sailors and soldiers come in for special attention, all graves of Americans in the local cemetery were decorated to-day.

In North China and elsewhere, Decoration Day is also the occasion for an important reception and other social activities. In Hong Kong, however, the practice has always been confined to decoration of the graves with flowers.

## MEXICAN OUTBREAK.

## DECORATION DAY.

Annual Observance in Hong Kong.

## AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

Ladies, the Consulate-General and the Navy.

Decoration Day, an important event every year in America, which is duly observed annually in Hong Kong, was the occasion for a large gathering at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, this morning.

At ten o'clock, about thirty-four ladies, being almost the full number resident in the Colony, assembled at the American Consulate-General under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charles H. Benson, wife of the general manager in the Far East of the American Express Co. They proceeded to the cemetery where they were joined by American men residents.

The "Sacramento."

Mr. Rodger C. Tredwell, the U.S. Consul-General and his staff were present. Commander Giffin, U.S.N., captain of the U.S.S. "Sacramento," which is in port, attended with a party from his ship.

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## CHINA AND ARMS.

WHAT CEYLON IS DOING TO PREVENT GUN-RUNNING.

## SEARCHING VESSELS.

Colombo, Yesterday.

Raids from the province of Shansi (the ruler of which is a Nationalist ally) have appeared twenty miles to the west of Peking.

The "Big Three."

Subordinates of the "big three" of the allied Southern Army met in conference at Tschow, the Nationalist base on the Peking-Tientsin Railway. They are planning an early attack on Tientsin. However, the subordinates may wait for orders from Chiang Kai-shek and it is understood that he will return shortly from the council at Shih-chia-chwang. — "Wah Keung Po."

Raiders Near Peking.

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THE REGULATIONS.

London, Yesterday. A feature of the congress of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers' Union at Kewick was a resolution, unanimously carried, declaring that, as the procedure and policy of the

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ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.'S BONDS TO BE OFFERED.

## BIG SUM INVOLVED.

New York, Yesterday. It is understood that \$120,000,000 6-per-cent. Tokyo Electric Light Company's bonds will be offered in England, the United States and Japan next week.—Reuter's American Service.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, castigator of the "Reds."

Communist Party and the Minority Movement directly conflicted with the Union's interest, no Communist could honestly represent it.

The resolution further instructed the General Council to do its utmost to protect the Union against the disruptive forces seeking to operate within it.

A London delegate said that on May 16 individuals of branches engaged in Communistic activities were suspended after receiving a warning. He hoped that other unions follow this one's example.

Mr. Hawkins replied that his Office did not know of the procedure. The particular stocktaking which resulted in the summons was made by the Government's auditors, and then the matter was

referred to the General Council to

make it clear.

Nominal Fine.

The Magistrate imposed a nominal fine of \$20, and directed that the defendants should cease the practice from now.

Asked by the Magistrate if the

Import and Export Office had any

means of checking the movements

of goods, Mr. Hawkins said that

they could do so by taking stock

at the warehouse, but he comment-

## THE BALKANS.

More Disturbances Take Place.

## ITALY PROTESTS.

Serious Conflicts Between Police And Students.

Rome, Yesterday. The Italian Minister at Belgrade has been instructed to present a Note of protest against the anti-Italian disturbances at Belgrade, and demand immediate satisfaction.

Milan, Yesterday. Students who, last night, attempted to renew the demonstration at the Yugo-Slav Consulate, were dispersed by Carabinieri, who were detailed to protect the Consulate.

Two of the Carabinieri were injured in a scuffle with students.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 2nd June to FRIDAY, 8th June, 1928, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong, 28th May, 1928.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th June to 4th July, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hong Kong, 29th May, 1928.

## NOTICE.

I HAVE appointed Mr. G. A. H. POTTS as my attorney to act for and on my behalf under the style of ELLIS, HAYIM, Share & General Broker as from 1st June, 1928.

ELLIS HAYIM.  
Hong Kong, 28th May, 1928.

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## Public Auctions—

THE Undersigned have received  
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ON  
THURSDAY the 31st May, 1928,  
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A Large Quantity of Kitchen Gear,  
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Hong Kong, May 25, 1928.

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FRIDAY, the 1st June, 1928,  
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Kowloon Dock, Hung Hom.

A Quantity of  
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD  
FURNITURE.

(Particulars as per Catalogue).

On View from Thursday, the  
31st May, 1928.

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LAMMERT BROS.,  
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Hong Kong, 26th May, 1928.

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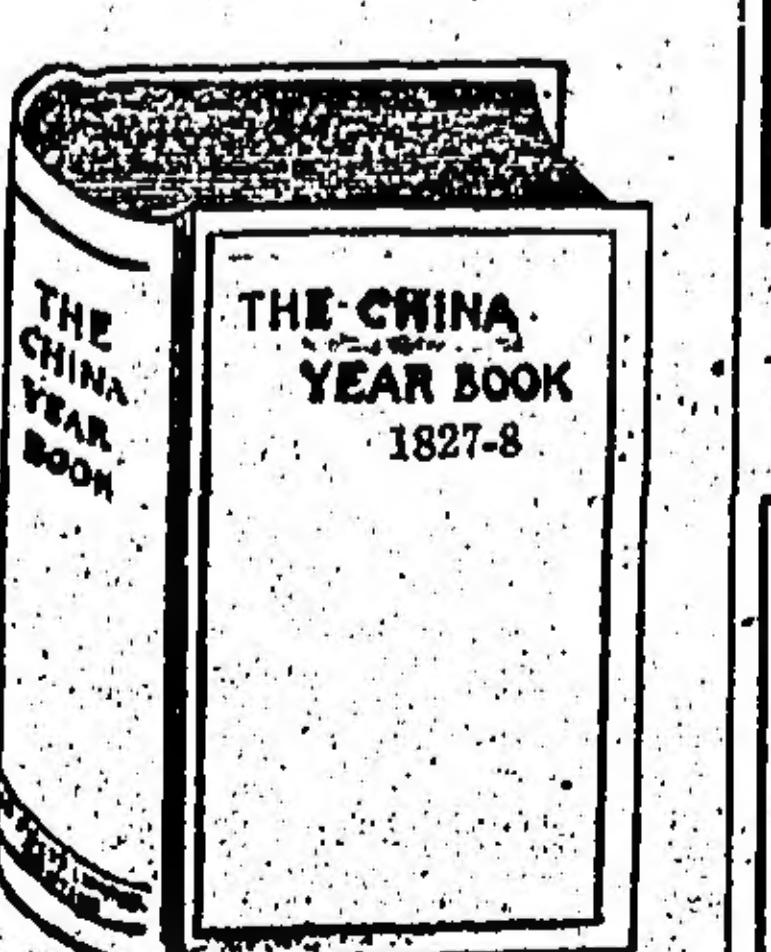
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### "TEAN" PIRACY.

### SHIP RELEASED AFTER INVESTIGATIONS.

### EVENTS AT BIAS BAY.

After the Police had concluded their investigations, the China Navigation S.S. Co.'s "Tean" was released yesterday and proceeded to buoy B9 in the harbour.

It has since been revealed that while the "Tean" was at Bias Bay, under the control of about thirty pirates who had broken out at Hoihow, the Chinese Maritime Customs cruiser "Yungshing" fired a shot across her bows but without effect.

The two cutters of the "Tean" in which the pirates and seven Chinese hostages were rowed ashore by the crew went to points a considerable distance apart. Mr. A. H. Mills (chief officer) accompanied one, the pirates leaving him a loaded revolver after scuttling the boat. Mr. Mills walked five miles and met the "Yungshing" landing parties.

European passengers.

Mr. J. G. Forster (2nd officer) accompanied the other. He met the armed landing party from H.M.S. "Sömine."

As related in yesterday's "China Mail," all the hostages were recovered except one who was killed through falling over a cliff.

The three European passengers were:

Mr. Powys Drummond of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (South China), Ltd., and Mrs. Drummond, who were returning to Hong Kong from Hoihow.

Mr. Paul Melrose, an American missionary of Hainan Island.

General & Commissioner.

Mr. Drummond lost a watch and some money and Mrs. Drummond some jewellery including her wedding ring. Mr. Drummond was fired at and robbed by pirates in the North River district of Kwangtung ten years ago.

Mr. Melrose had a number of articles stolen from him and also a sum of money. He sells on the "Empress of Asia" to-day for America.

General Choi Ting-kai, commanding the 10th division of the 11th Nationalist Army and officer in charge of the island of Hainan, and Mr. Fu Ping-kwan (Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and Superintendent of Customs) were met in Hong Kong by friends prior to going to Canton, their original destination.

### CHINESE PATROL.

### Military Authorities to Build Barracks.

### Canton, Yesterday.

The Kwangtung military authorities are surveying the physical features of Bias Bay with a view to erecting barracks and fortifications that will deal a death blow to all pirates operating in that vicinity. Inspection will be made as to which location is most suitable for this purpose.

As soon as the investigations are completed, two gunboats, "An Peh" and "Ping Nam" will be despatched to that locality with marines on board. The barracks when completed will billet these marines, while the gunboats will be on constant duty cruising around the bay. — "Canton Gazette."

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should it be forgotten that the Lloyd's broker plays a very important part in studying the problem before it is presented to the underwriter and in submitting the "slip" or preliminary contract in an intelligible form. Indeed, a broker, with due sense of responsibility will refuse to submit a risk if he has reason to doubt the good faith of the person inviting insurance; and it should be noted that, as the broker is responsible to the underwriter for opinion, the former must, for his own protection, be satisfied on the question of finance. Thus, in considering a risk, the underwriter does not ignore the characteristics of the broker who offers it. It will readily be seen that conditions such as these are extremely favourable to enterprise, and so it has come about that Lloyd's is resorted to by those who wish to carry on their daily work and to sleep at night."

### MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The E. & A. s.s. "Tanda" left Moul for this port on Friday, and is due here to-day.

The E.I. s.s. "Takliva" will leave Amoy for this port to-morrow p.m. and is due here on June 1 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benlomond" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port yesterday, and is due to arrive here on June 3.

The P. & O. s.s. "Jeyors" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 1:30 p.m. with the Mails, and is due here on June 2 at about 5 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Yokohama on May 23 at 6 p.m., left Yokohama yesterday at 8 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on June 4. She will sail for Manila on June 5 at 5 p.m.

The M/V "Agra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on May 7, and is due here on or about June 16.

The M/V "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on May 18, and is due here on or about June 17.

### HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of a tide-predicting machine which includes 40 components in the better prediction of tides, from the results of the analysis of tidal observations, taken at the Kauling tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Dobereiner during the years 1888, 1889 and 1890.

The times and heights are given for Kauling; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small. The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

May 25 to 31, 1928.

DATE	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Standard	Times	Standard	Times
May				
25	No	inferior	High	nor Low
26	No	inferior	High	nor Low
27	in	6	10	10 a.
28	4	10	10	10 a.
29	in	6	10	10 a.
30	6	10	10	10 a.
31	7	10	10	10 a.
May 26	2	7	10	10 a.
27	3	7	10	10 a.
28	4	7	10	10 a.
29	5	7	10	10 a.
30	6	7	10	10 a.
31	7	7	10	10 a.
May 27	2	8	10	10 a.
28	3	8	10	10 a.
29	4	8	10	10 a.
30	5	8	10	10 a.
31	6	8	10	10 a.
May 28	2	9	10	10 a.
29	3	9	10	10 a.
30	4	9	10	10 a.
31	5	9	10	10 a.
May 29	2	10	10	10 a.
30	3	10	10	10 a.
31	4	10	10	10 a.
May 30	5	10	10	10 a.
31	6	10	10	10 a.
May 31	7	10	10	10 a.
June 1	8	10	10	10 a.
June 2	9	10	10	10 a.
June 3	10	10	10	10 a.
June 4	11	10	10	10 a.
June 5	12	10	10	10 a.
June 6	13	10	10	10 a.
June 7	14	10	10	10 a.
June 8	15	10	10	10 a.
June 9	16	10	10	10 a.
June 10	17	10	10	10 a.
June 11	18	10	10	10 a.
June 12	19	10	10	10 a.
June 13	20	10	10	10 a.
June 14	21	10	10	10 a.
June 15	22	10	10	10 a.
June 16	23	10	10	10 a.
June 17	24	10	10	10 a.
June 18	25	10	10	10 a.
June 19	26	10	10	10 a.
June 20	27	10	10	10 a.
June 21	28	10	10	10 a.
June 22	29	10	10	10 a.
June 23	30	10	10	10 a.
June 24	31	10	10	10 a.
June 25	1	10	10	10 a.
June 26	2	10	10	10 a.
June 27	3	10	10	10 a.
June 28	4	10	10	10 a.
June 29	5	10	10	10 a.
June 30	6	10	10	10 a.
July 1	7	10	10	10 a.
July 2	8	10	10	10 a.
July 3	9	10	10	10 a.
July 4	10	10	10	10 a.
July 5	11	10	10	10 a.
July 6	12	10	10	10 a.
July 7	13	10	10	10 a.
July 8	14	10	10	10 a.
July 9	15	10	10	10 a.
July 10	16	10	10	



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### DEATH.

GOLDMAN.—On May 23, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, after a long illness, Meyer Goldman, in his fifty-sixth year.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, May 30, 1928.

### JAPAN AND GENEVA.

From the resume published to-day of Japan's Note to the League of Nations in regard to the Tsinan affair, it is to be gathered that the Chinese have nobody but themselves to blame for what occurred. This, of course, is only one side of the question, and the Japanese may be relied upon to have put their case in the best possible light. Still, on the face of things, there is no reason or evidence to dispute their contention that the Southerners were the first to open fire after being interrupted in looting a Japanese shop. And, quite naturally, there was then ample justification for returning the fire. The Note, we are informed, has apparently created a favourable impression at Geneva which, seeing that it appears to confine itself to a direct statement of facts, without special pleading, is not to be wondered at.

In refuting the suggestion that the incident was due to the presence of Japanese troops and pointing out that the Hankow and Nanking affairs occurred when there were no troops present, Japan scores a good point. The Note might have added that there would have been no Hankow and Nanking affairs if troops had been present, but that consideration was, perhaps, outside the sphere

of a report on the Tsinan occurrence. Another point worthy of emphasis is contained in the explanation of the shortness of the ultimatum's time limit. The Japanese commander feared sharp practice on the part of the Southerners, stating that such practice would have resulted in further danger if immediate steps had not been taken, "as the Southerners had already shown their insincerity and faithlessness." This is a grave indictment but is not at all out of keeping with what has happened in the past. We have only to go back the beginning of last year, when Eugene Chen made his "promise" to the British at Hankow, to strike upon irrefutable proof of this sharp practice against which the Japanese had to guard.

The Note, we reiterate, is reported to have created a favourable impression in Geneva, and has no doubt been "backed" by a selection of the photographs taken at Tsinan depicting Chinese mutilation of Japanese subjects. At rock bottom, however, it does not matter what the League thinks of the whole sad business. It may, in a distant manner, accord moral support to Japan's action or it may, in an equally distant manner, voice its disapproval. More its machinery will not permit it to do.

### British "Reds."

Those misguided individuals in England who, by some strange perversion of their mentality, are not ashamed to admit that they are "humble followers of Lenin" and who, though Lenin is now no more, still accept orders (and funds!) from Moscow, have again received at the hands of the British Labour Party such a castigation as they thoroughly deserve. Time and again the British Communists, who, luckily, are numerically small and in all other respects an insignificant minority in the British electorate, have sought to have themselves identified with and seriously recognised by the Labour Party. Happily, they have failed, for the Labour Party, though broad-minded almost to the point of altruism, is not sufficiently so to admit within its membership men who do not hesitate to say that if they could they would undermine the splendid institutions upon which the greatness of their country and all great countries rests. Communism, which starts as a dream and ends like a nightmare, is merely Socialism run riot. Socialism with the little soundness it possesses divorced from it by reason of the fact that those who profess it are in such a hurry to accomplish something outrageously selfish for the poor proletariat, the under-dog who must get something for nothing from the self-reliant and the thrifty, that they quite obviously lose all sense of proportion. In England there is only one political body in the least likely to sympathise with their extravagant and futile aims.

namely, the Labour Party, and that Party, luckily, seem to realise quite clearly the absurdity of Communism's contentions. In his remarks (referred to in yesterday's "China Mail") Mr. Clynes who, next to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, is the leading member of the British Labour Party, made it clear that neither he nor any of his colleagues are at all likely to be misled by Communistic claptrap nor by their "hypocritical appeals for admission to a Party which they grossly misrepresent and whose officers they shamefully abuse." There is hope for the Labour Party in such an attitude: none whatever should they prove weak enough to countenance the aims of stark revolutionaries, such as are the "Reds" no matter where they are to be found.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### APPRECIATION.

To the Editor of the "China Mail": Dear Mr. Editor—I have just left the new Y.M.C.A. premises in the City Hall, the occasion being the farewell concert to the service men by the Misses Doris and Aileen Woods.

Seldom have we heard these ladies to better advantage and the knowledge that we shall probably not have the pleasure of hearing them sing again brings home to us the excellence of the musical treats they have so unspuriously given to us.

The Y.M.C.A. has truly been a "Home" to us and I am sure that every soldier and sailor will agree with me that "Doris and Aileen" have done much to make the "Daily Mail" correspondent says that Hong Kong offers even less chance for diversion than Shanghai; but one has only to ask a visitor from Shanghai about that and he will say that minus Hong Kong's hills, harbour and beaches and its scenic beauties, Shanghai is poor by comparison to live in. The "Daily Mail" correspondent says that Hong Kong offers even less chance for diversion than Shanghai; but one has only to ask a visitor from Shanghai about that and he will say that minus Hong Kong's hills, harbour and beaches and its scenic beauties, Shanghai is poor by comparison to live in. 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## CASE FOR GENEVA.

JAPAN'S STATEMENT ABOUT TSIANAN.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Tokyo, Yesterday. In a long and carefully worded statement to the League of Nations, the Japanese Government narrates the facts and circumstances attendant on the Tsinan affair.

Reiterating the reasons for the despatch of troops last month, the statement refutes the suggestion that the incident was due to the presence of Japanese troops and Nanking affairs occurred when no (Japanese) troops were present.

Outlining the events, including the Japanese voluntary removal of the defence works, leading up to the incident, the statement avers that it originated at 9.30 a.m. on May 3, when Japanese soldiers attempted to disperse a party of Southerners who were looting a Japanese house, whereupon the Southerners fled to the neighbouring barracks, from which they started firing. They wounded several Japanese soldiers, who thereupon returned the fire, after which other Southerners in various parts of the city commenced almost simultaneous firing against Japanese troops and also looting and murdering.

## Straightforward Narrative.

The remainder of the statement is mainly a straightforward narration of events already known, at the same time explaining the extenuating circumstances with regard to the actions taken. Thus the shortness of the time limit in the ultimatum of May 7 is stated to have been due to the Japanese Commander's well-founded fear of sharp practice on the part of the Southerners, resulting in further danger—if immediate steps were not taken as the Southerners had already shown their insincerity and faithlessness.

Similarly, the bombardment of the walled city on May 9, is stated to have been only carried out after the Southerners, whose presence was a potential danger, had refused either to disarm or to leave.

## Mr. Tsai, Kung-shih.

Referring to the allegation that the Nationalist Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tsai Kung-shih was murdered and mutilated, the statement says that Southerners who were not in uniform were sniping at the Japanese from cover of a building which Japanese troops at the time were unaware was the Commissioner's office.

A dozen men suddenly opened fire from this building on the evening of May 3, whereupon the Japanese forced their entry and slew them; though it is not known whether Mr. Tsai Kung-shih was among them. Certainly none of them was mutilated.

The statement confirms former reports that fourteen Japanese residents were murdered and mutilated, revoltingly, and fifteen wounded, while various men and women were subjected to indescribable insults. One hundred and thirty-one houses were looted.—Reuter.

## NANKING'S REPLY.

Nationalist Claim of Sole Right in Manchuria.

Nanking, Yesterday. In reference to the Japanese Government's statement of May 18, the Nationalist Government's reply points out that the responsibility for the maintenance of peace and order in Manchuria rests solely with the Nationalist Government. The reply says that the Japanese statement that the Japanese Government may possibly be constrained to adopt appropriate and effective measures for the maintenance of peace and order in Manchuria not only constitutes an interference with China's domestic affairs but is also a flagrant violation of the principle of mutual respect for territorial sovereignty.

The Nationalist Government hopes that Japan will avoid any actions impairing the development of their amicable relations.

No mention is made of the Peking and Tientsin areas.—Reuter.

## CLASH WITH BANDITS.

Japanese Troops on Manchurian Frontier.

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## COLONY'S HEALTH.

## APPOINTMENT OF MALARIA EXPERT.

## WHAT IT MAY COST.

Questions regarding the prevention of malaria fever in the Colony were asked by Dr. W. V. M. Koch, at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. The questions and the answers of Mr. W. J. Carrile, Head of the Sanitary Department, were as follows:

## Investigate And Report.

Question: Can the Head of the Sanitary Department inform the Board whether it is intended to engage the services of a malaria expert to investigate and report on the prevalence of malaria in the Colony, and New Territories, and to suggest means for dealing with it?

Answer: The answer is in the affirmative.

## Temporary at First.

Question: Is the engagement of such officer to be of a temporary nature, or is he to be attached to the Medical Department permanently and seconded for this particular work?

Answer: Temporary in the first instance.

## A Qualified Man.

Dr. Koch further asked whether the expert who is coming out is a properly qualified man and whether or not he would be taken on the permanent staff if his services were found satisfactory.

Mr. Carrile replied that as far as he knew, the engagement of an expert would be a temporary one, as a senior man would not like to stay longer than was necessary to complete investigation. He was of the opinion that a senior man would come out here for experience more than anything else, and that a junior man might stay longer.

Dr. Koch remarked that a highly qualified man might not stay at under £2,000 a year's salary.

## HYGIENE.

## Its Teaching in School and H.K. Conditions.

Another question by Dr. Koch was:

Can the Head of the Sanitary Department ascertain in how many Schools, Government Grant-in-aid and Vernacular, the subject of hygiene is taught; what proportion do these bear to the total number of schools; is stress laid upon the application of hygiene to local conditions; and is any test practical or written applied to ascertain the results of such instruction periodically during the year?

Mr. Carrile replied:

The question has been referred to the Director of Education. While a reply could have been given to-day the Director is anxious that the fullest information possible should be given. He is therefore verifying the statistics he now has and will furnish me with a comprehensive reply in time for the next meeting of the Board. I trust, therefore, you will allow this question to stand over meanwhile.

## LORD DALZIEL.

## CONTROLLER OF SLEEPING CAR TRUST.

## DIES IN LONDON.

The "China Mail" regrets to announce the death of Lord Dalziel of Wooler, which occurred at his home in Grosvenor-place.

Lord Dalziel, formerly Sir Davison Dalziel, was the Controller of the International Sleeping Car Company—a trust with a capital of over £5,000,000.

He is president of the International Sleeping Car Company, chairman and managing director of the Pullman Car Company, and chairman of the International Sleeping Car Trust, with Lord Ashfield, the head of the Underground and deputy-chairman.

The dividends of the Sleeping Car Company in 1926 amounted to nearly £300,000.

## Motor Cab Pioneer.

Lord Dalziel was a wizard in the world of finance. Recently he negotiated the absorption of Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son, the travel agents, into the Sleeping Car Trust.

It is only ten months ago that a peerage came to crown his life work. He was Conservative M.P. for Brixton for 17 years, with a break in 1923.

He was a pioneer in many ways. He first introduced motor-cabs into London.

Lord Dalziel was one of the first exponents in England of the modern "hustle," which is now typical of successful business.

Nearly forty years ago Mr. Dalziel, as he then was, made a tour of the world and studied business methods in America. He founded several newspapers there, and made his first fortune.

Founded a News-Agency.

Then he came back to London and organised the first big agency for the distribution of news which revolutionised modern newspapers.

He toured Europe to become acquainted with local conditions and to organise news services between Continental countries and England. Then he turned his energies to the City.

Lord Dalziel organised and acquired control of industrial enterprises in Paris and London, promoted several Motor and Oil concerns, and exploited the possibilities of the International Sleeping Car Company abroad. He also found time to give London its first taxi-cab.

Throughout his life Lord Dalziel has worked hard for better international relations.

On many occasions he has been Britain's unofficial Ambassador, being accepted in the highest circles of politics, finance and society in the capitals of Europe. He appeared in a French honour list before the British Government gave him his first reward for public services.

## "SIMON THE JESTER."

## SHOWING AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

## TYPHOID CASES.

## Notifiable Disease Last Week.

The return of notifiable disease in the Colony last week, according to reports to the Medical Office of Health, is as follows:

Enteric fever (typhoid): 8 cases during the week, all from the city (1 Indian, 7 Chinese)—1 death.

Small-pox: 3 Chinese cases (1 from the city, 2 from Kowloon)—4 deaths during the week.

Paratyphoid fever: 1 Chinese case from the city.

Influenza (not notifiable): 1 death during the week.

Captain J. Alcock, of the s.s. "Kwangsi," reported to the police by letter yesterday that whilst the ship was on a voyage from Hong Kong to Canton on Monday night, a first class Chinese passenger disappeared from the ship, and is presumed to have committed suicide. The letter added that no one actually saw the man jump overboard, and he was not missed until after the ship arrived at Canton. The missing man left behind a book, a fan and a handkerchief.

At the same time a strong protest was lodged with the local Chinese authorities demanding that immediate steps be taken to rescue the officer; otherwise Japanese troops will be compelled to take whatever action they may consider necessary to effect the rescue.

Two infantry battalions, a machine-gun unit and some guns were held in readiness to proceed to the scene.

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## MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.

## DEAD WOMAN AND A MISSING AMAH.

## THE INQUIRY.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Lieut.-Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O., and a Coroner's jury held an inquiry into the cause of the death of an unknown woman, whose badly decomposed body was discovered in a room in the servants' quarters of the Japanese Primary School, Kennedy-road, a couple of weeks ago.

The circumstances of the finding of the body have already been reported in the "China Mail."

Mr. C. Kawakita, Principal of the School, and his wife both gave evidence. According to these witnesses, an amah who had been employed at the school had been missing since April 29, when she was last seen by both witnesses. Mrs. Kawakita remembered that at a late hour that night she had heard a man's voice in the missing amah's room.

On the following day (April 30), a telephone message was received stating that the amah was ill at Yau-mati, and would be away from duty for a few days. About May 8 or 9, bad smells were noticed coming from the direction of the amah's room, which was locked and the key removed. On May 11 the stench became so unbearable that the Principal of the school communicated with the police with the result that they forced the room door and discovered the dead body.

Both witnesses described the missing amah as a frugal woman of good character, and it was possible that she kept money in her room. She also had some jewelry, which she sometimes wore when going out.

Mrs. Kawakita also told the Court that previously there had been another amah employed at the School who was constantly quarrelling with the missing woman. A key produced by Detective Inspector Lane was identified by this witness as the key to the door separating the main building from the servants' quarters.

With regard to the quarrelsome amah mentioned by Mrs. Kawakita, Inspector Lane said that her name was Li Yung and she had served one month in jail for stealing at Covent Garden a dozen times by a prodigious amount of hard work.

A great opera singer is born with a special gift from nature; but that is not all. The artist has to be made. Behind the scenes at Covent Garden are musicians whose names are unknown to the public. They are the "coaches" (chorus masters or repetiteurs) whose business it is to see that the performers all know their parts. If a new opera is to be sung or a forgotten one revived, the different sections of the performance are hammered out in their rooms with the toil and sweat of a smith at the forge.

Most of the singers in a season like the coming one at Covent Garden will already know their parts, but, for all that, they will need to be constantly refreshed in memory, and even if there are no new operas the coaches will be busy from 10 a.m. onwards.

The great Wagnerian parts are formidable tax on memory: Jean de Reszke, after he had sung Tristan 70 times, is said to have worked over the part afresh with a repetiteur before every performance. Some singers memorise without effort, but not all. The great soprano Nordica could never depend on her memory, and her operatic career was in consequence one long struggle.

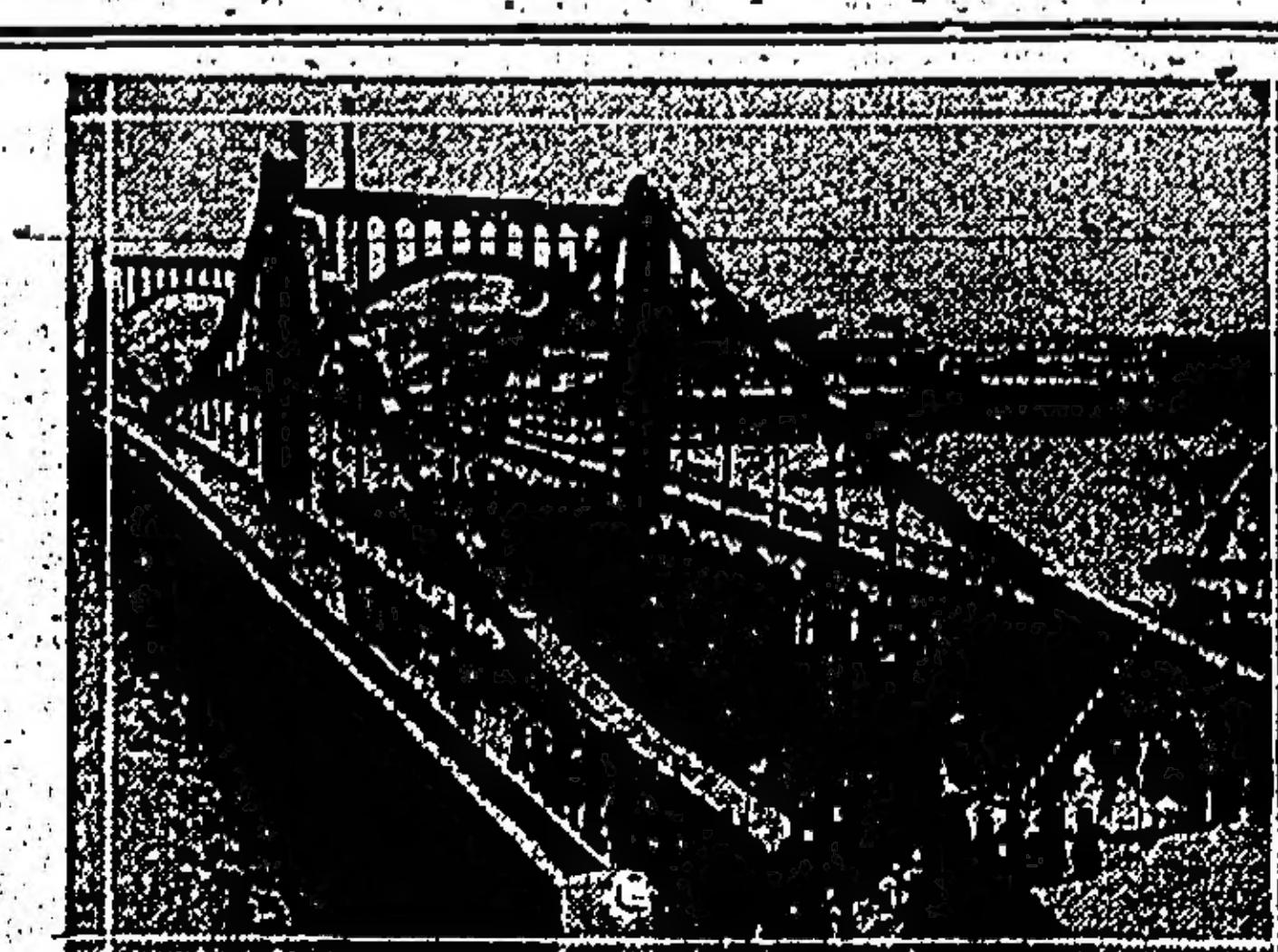
To sing the great parts in Verdi and Wagner as they should be sung is a strenuous physical exercise, and opera-singing would produce a class of splendidly fit men and women if it were not for one drawback. This is that when the strain and excitement of the evening's work is over there is a natural inclination to feast and talk into the night. The wise ones resist this, and get to bed as soon as possible with the thought of the next morning's rehearsal in mind.

The wise ones live long—witness the great Wagnerian soprano Lilli Lehmann, who is now 80. She led the life of an ascetic during her opera career. Before a performance of one of the Ring operas she would go to the opera house hours in advance to compose her mind and avoid mundane thoughts.

A midnight feast must be very tempting when one has been practically fasting since luncheon. Most singers take a very light meal before a performance, but some eat normally, least they should feel famished and faint in the last act. Caruso used to munch apples.

The opera-singer, no matter what his natural gifts, who takes things indulgently soon disappears from the scene. The great artists of to-day are for the most part desperately earnest and businesslike. We need not pity the restrictions of their lives when we think of their gigantic bank-balances and their pleasure in the applause of two hemispheres.

makes the audience laugh at his impish impudence.



Tokyo, Japan.—Ceremonies at the completion of the greatest bridge in all Asia. It spans the Sumida River and replaces the one destroyed by the disastrous earthquake of 1923.

## Shadows Before

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Simon the Jester."

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Sports.

To-day—Whist Drive, Cheer 'O' Y.M.C.A. City Hall, 7.30 p.m.

June 3—Next meeting of the Macao Race Club.

June 16-American Mixed Doubles (handicap) tennis tournament, Ladies' Recreation Club.

Lammetts' Auctions.

May 31—Furniture and shop fittings at the Cafe Regent, Pedder-bridge, ground floor, 10.30 a.m.

June 1—Household furniture at 8 Highbury Terrace, Kowloon Dock, Hunghom, 11 a.m.

Meeting.

June 7—Annual meeting of Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, noon.

Miscellaneous.

June 4—Reception at Government House in honour of the King's birthday.

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June 5—First of a series of addresses at Union Church Hall, Kennedy-rd., on the Old Testament, by Mr. J. S. Flacks.

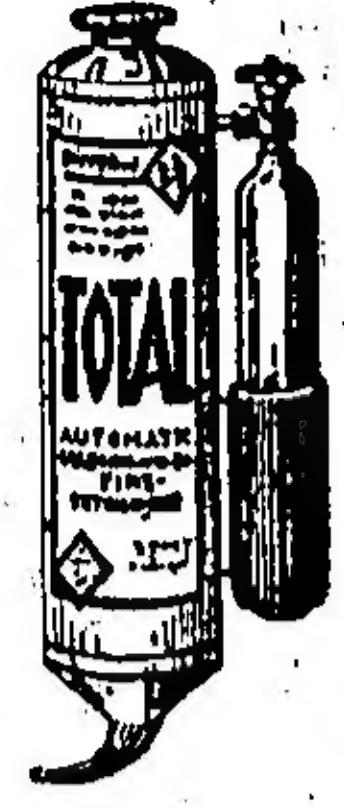
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Decapitation has been instituted as a means of capital punishment in French Morocco.

H.M. The King visited the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, on May 20.

The Wey Valley Flock Mills, Peasmarsh, near Guildford, have been destroyed by fire.

Mr. A. Ryves, manager of Senawang Estate, was entertained by his staff prior to his departure on leave.

The Prince of Wales opened the Royal Edward Dock extension at Bristol on May 28.

The Rev. Prebendary Michael Hopton, the oldest Herefordshire clergyman, has died at Hereford at the age of 89.

The Trans-Atlantic telephone service is now open from 11.30 a.m. to 2 a.m., an extension of two hours daily.

The Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of distress in the coalfields amounts to £69,000.

Officers and ratings serving in the Royal Navy on January 15 numbered 102,814, compared with 183,096 in 1918.

The four-masted Finnish barque "Herzogin Cecilia" arrived at Falmouth, having done the voyage from Australia in 98 days.

A fish canner's committee of the National Food Canning Council is to investigate the question of establishing a fish canning industry in Britain.

Fifty men were out of work as the result of a fire at the works of Messrs. Meggitt and Jones, timber importers, of Barry, Cardiff.

Mr. J. T. Brownlie has been re-elected president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

A. Mortlock, of Hastings University School, has won the championship at the Hastings Boys' Chess Congress.

Mr. M. Malin, Assistant Controller of Labour, Johore, has gone to leave to India, sailing by the "Rajput." He is due back at the end of June.

The examination of Lord Robert Innes-Ker, husband of Miss Jose Collins, whose liabilities were

stated to be £32,225, was closed in the London Bankruptcy Court.

Messrs. Ellis and Edgar have issued another of their always interesting and informative Stock Exchange booklets giving, up to April, figures and quotations of stock listed on the local Exchange. The price is \$1.

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Lord Apsley, eldest son of the Earl of Bathurst and an M.P. for Southampton, is not to contest the seat at the next election owing to pressure of business.

The body of Leonard Beaconsfield Fuller, aged 45, a butcher, has been found by the police in a garage in Fairfax-drive, Westcliff-on-Sea, tube in his mouth being connected to a gas bracket.

Mr. William H. Hatcher, aged 46, managing director of Lucas' Billiards Halls, Limited, has been found dead in his bath at his home at Penarth, Glamorgan.

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The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Charles Batho, and the officials accompanying him devoted the last day of their stay in Belgium to a visit to Antwerp, leaving in the evening for Harwich.

Mrs. Alfred Brousseau, President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

During the past week-end two Chinese theatrical performances were arranged at the Kai Yu Fong Theatre by the Chinese masters and a committee of boys. The net profit on tickets and goods sold, after all expenses, have been paid, was \$888.40, and this amount has been paid into the New School Equipment Fund. Great thanks are due to the British American Tobacco Co., the China Tobacco Co. and the Connaught Aerated Water Co. for goods supplied free, and also to the masters in charge, Mr. Newell and Mr. T. S. W. Chan.

Following references in the Canadian Parliament to an unemployment demonstration in Winnipeg, Mr. J. S. Woodsworth, a Labour member for that city, threatened to move the adjournment of the House in order to discuss the unemployment situation.

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The Chinese coxswain of the steam launch "Lee Ka" was yesterday charged before Commander J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court, with towing junks of more tonnage than allowed by his licence. Owing to a technical blunder, the charge could not be sustained, and it was withdrawn by the Water Police.

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Probate of the will of the late Mr. J. W. W. Huddleston, of No. 46, Torrington-road, Wallasey, Chester, has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner of Messrs. Deacons, attorney for deceased's widow and brother. Mr. Huddleston died on Feb. 21, 1927, in England. His estate in Hong Kong amounts to \$1,800. His net property in England is valued at £36,415.5s.0d. Deceased bequeaths all his personal and household property to his wife, Mrs. Janet Huddleston, and directs that \$200 be paid to her immediately after his death, also \$50 to each of his two daughters, and in the event of his two daughters leaving the employ of his firm, £2 for each year of service to be paid to them. The executrix and executor are the widow, Mrs. Janet Huddleston and a brother, Mr. Charles W. Huddleston.

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**Sport Columns**

## WELL BEATEN.

INTERPORT CRICKET AT SHANGHAI.

## LOCALS COLLAPSE.

Shanghai, yesterday. Hong Kong lost the Interport Cricket match against Shanghai by 220 runs, thanks to the bowling of Lt. Milsome and Sergt. Freshwater, aided by Barnes' excellent "keeping." Milsome, who bowled for Gloucestershire for two seasons, was assisted by a high wind and a slight crumbling of the pitch.

Full scores:

Shanghai—1st Innings.	5	129		
M. J. Divesha, c Jex, b Musson	5	15		
D. W. Leach, c and b Erskine	15	5		
Lieut. Milsome, c Jex, b	15	5		
Reynolds	1	1		
L. F. Stokes, l.b.w., b Musson	37	5		
Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, c Jex,	5	5		
b Erskine	25	5		
J. A. Quayle, c Hancock, b	11	5		
Erskine	7	5		
W. Palmer, c Jex, b Erskine	2	5		
Dr. W. E. O'Hara, not out	19	5		
Sergt. Freshwater, c Hancock	7	5		
b Musson	7	5		
J. A. Isaacs, c Hayward, b	0	5		
Musson	0	5		
E. G. Barnes, run out	0	5		
Extras	7	5		
Total	129	5		
Fall of Wickets: 1/20, 2/20, 3/33, 4/76, 5/95, 6/98, 7/100, 8/113, 9/121, 10/129.				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
o. m. r. w.				
Erskine	22	8	35	4
Musson	19.5	5	42	4
Reynolds	7	2	22	1
Quick	9	1	23	7
Hong Kong—1st Innings.				
A. W. Hayward, c and b O'Hara	42			
E. C. Fincher, b Isaacs	8			
Rev. E. K. Quick, l.b.w., b				
O'Hara				
Capt. A. N. Reynolds, b				
Freshwater, b Isaacs				
Musson, c and b Isaacs				
Owen Hughes, c Palmer, b				
O'Hara				
Ramsay, b Leach	11			
Hancock, b Isaacs	32			
Sayer, b Isaacs	7			
Erskine, c Divesha, b Leach	46			
Jex, not out	2			
Extras	14			
Total	186			
Fall of Wickets: 1/25, 2/38, 3/47, 4/71, 5/75, 6/94, 7/94, 8/108, 9/175, 10/186.				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
o. m. r. w.				
Isaacs	31.1	9	64	4
Freshwater	13	4	16	0
O'Hara	30	17	41	3
Leach	18	6	51	3
Shanghai—2nd Innings.				
Lieut. Milsome, b Reynolds	19			
M. J. Divesha, run out	7			
L. F. Stokes, b Reynolds	3			
D. W. Leach, b Musson, b				
Erskine				
J. A. Quayle, b Erskine	24			
Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, b Quick				
Dr. W. E. O'Hara, c Hancock, b				
Musson				
W. Palmer, b Erskine	96			
Sergt. Freshwater, c Hayward, b	0			
Erskine				
E. G. Barnes, not out	1			
J. A. Isaacs, c Hayward, b				
Erskine				
Extras	18			
Total	279			
Fall of Wickets: 1/19, 2/35, 3/56, 4/82, 5/129, 6/248, 7/248, 8/268, 9/275, 10/275.				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
o. m. r. w.				
Erskine	27.3	2	87	5
Musson	22	1	77	1
Reynolds	15	3	35	1
Quick	15	3	37	1
Owen Hughes	5	0	20	0
Hong Kong—2nd Innings.				
Hayward, b Milsome	21			
Fincher, b O'Hara	30			
Quick, c Freshwater, b Mil-				
Reynolds, st. Barnes, b Mil-	1			
Hancock, c Stokes, b Fresh-	0			
water				
Musson, c Barnes, b Milsome	1			
Ramsay, c Barnes, b Fresh-	2			
water				
Owen Hughes, c Stokes, b				
Milsome	27			
Sayer, c Divesha, b Fresh-	6			
water				
Erskine, b Freshwater	0			
Jex, not out	0			
Extras	14			
Total	102			
Fall of Wickets: 1/48, 2/50, 3/50, 4/54, 5/57, 6/88, 7/88, 8/102, 9/102, 10/102.				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
o. m. r. w.				
Isaacs	10	5	19	0
Freshwater	14	8	30	4
Milsome	16.3	5	28	5
O'Hara	12	7	11	1

After three years' service as Master of the Essex and Suffolk Foxhounds (Essex side), Colonel Guy Blewitt is retiring, and he is succeeded by Colonel Cecil Mangles, M.C.



Mexico City—Bill Tilden and some of his American Davis Cup team being greeted on their arrival here to play the first round in the series. At Tilden's right are James Hennessay and Junior Coen, youngest of all Davis Cup players. At Tilden's left are Mr. Eduardo Mestre Chiglazza, president of the Mexican Lawn Tennis Association, and Arnold Jones.

## OLYMPIC GAMES.

ARTICLES BY FRED W. PARKER.

## LONDON MEETING.

Continuing his series of articles on the history of the Olympic Games, which he is writing specially for the "Athletic News" in view of this year's festival at Amsterdam, Mr. Fred W. Parker deals below with the historic Games in London and Dorando's sensational Marathon race.

London, Yesterday. At Taunton Kent defeated Somersetshire by an innings and 84. Kent scored 476 for nine declared (Chapman 141, Ames 129). Somerset made 244 and 148. Ashdown five for 31.

Tate's Trundling. At Lord's Middlesex defeated Sussex by 112 runs.

Middlesex scored 195 (Tate 5 for 40) and 339 for 7 declared (Twining 121).

Sussex made 207 (Hearne 5 for 40) and 215.

Easy for Essex.

At Leyton Essex beat Worcester-shire by 10 wickets.

Worcester scored 211 and 232.

Essex made 436 for 9 declared (Rusell 135) and 8 for 0.

Surrey Bowlers. At Nottingham Surrey defeated Notts by 7 wickets.

Notts—scored 457 (Gunn 122) and 50 (Fender 4 for 21, Peach 6 for 24).

Surrey made 288 (Hobbs 114) and 220 for 3.

Mead's Century.

At Southampton Gloucestershire defeated Hampshire by 7 wickets. Hants scored 112 (Hammond 5 for 46, Sinfold 5 for 62) and 348 for 110.

Gloucester made 279 and 182 for 8.

War of the Roses.

At Sheffield Yorkshire took first Innings points from Lancashire. Lancs scored 365 and 80 for 1.

Yorks made 473 (Sutcliffe 140).

More Centuries.

At Derby Warwickshire defeated Derbyshire by six wickets.

Derby scored 295 (Hutchinson 111) and 237 for 6 declared.

Warwick made 357 (Wyatt 104) and 176 for 4.

Leicester Win.

At Leicester the home country defeated Northamptonshire by two wickets.

Northants scored 318 and 125 (Astill 5 for 16).

Leicester made 326 (Dawson 186) and 123 for 8.

Little Glamorgan.

At Oxford the University defeated Glamorgan by eight wickets.

Oxford scored 494 and 73 for 2.

Glamorgan made 328 and 243.

Reuter.

## INTERPORT TENNIS.

## MRS. TOTTENHAM WINS SINGLES.

## SHANGHAI LEADING.

## Shanghai, Yesterday.

## In the Interport Tennis contests

Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. Stanford

Mrs. 6-3, 6-3; Wade best Dr.

Tottenham 6-0, 6-2, 6-2. In an

unofficial game Miss Enid Lo and

Redmond beat Miss Crawford and

the Reverend Mr. Roberts 9-7.

10-8.—Reuter.

## FRENCH TENNIS.

## MISS BETTY NUTHALL BEATEN.

## Paris, Yesterday.

In the third round of the French

tennis championship Hunter beat

Kingsley 6-2, 10-8; Helen Wills

beat Fraulein Aussem 6-1, 6-2.

Miss Boyd (Australia) beat Mrs.

Mallory 3-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Mlle. Charnet beat Miss Nuthall

6-4, 6-4.—Reuter.

By Eugene Corri.

Fred Dyer, who is at the head of a very successful school of boxing in the Strand, can see nothing but the perfect swan in his fly-weight, Bert Kirby, and he is quite sure

that the little fellow could hold his own with Johnny Hill in a contest for the belt; were the two to be matched for the trophy, and the champion-ship that goes with it.

It scarcely needed the formal protest on behalf of Hayes of America, the second man to finish.

The disqualification of Dorando

was inevitable.

London had been "Marathon mad" for days previously. It was

Dorando mad for weeks after. Mid-

summer madness pervaded the race

from the beginning.

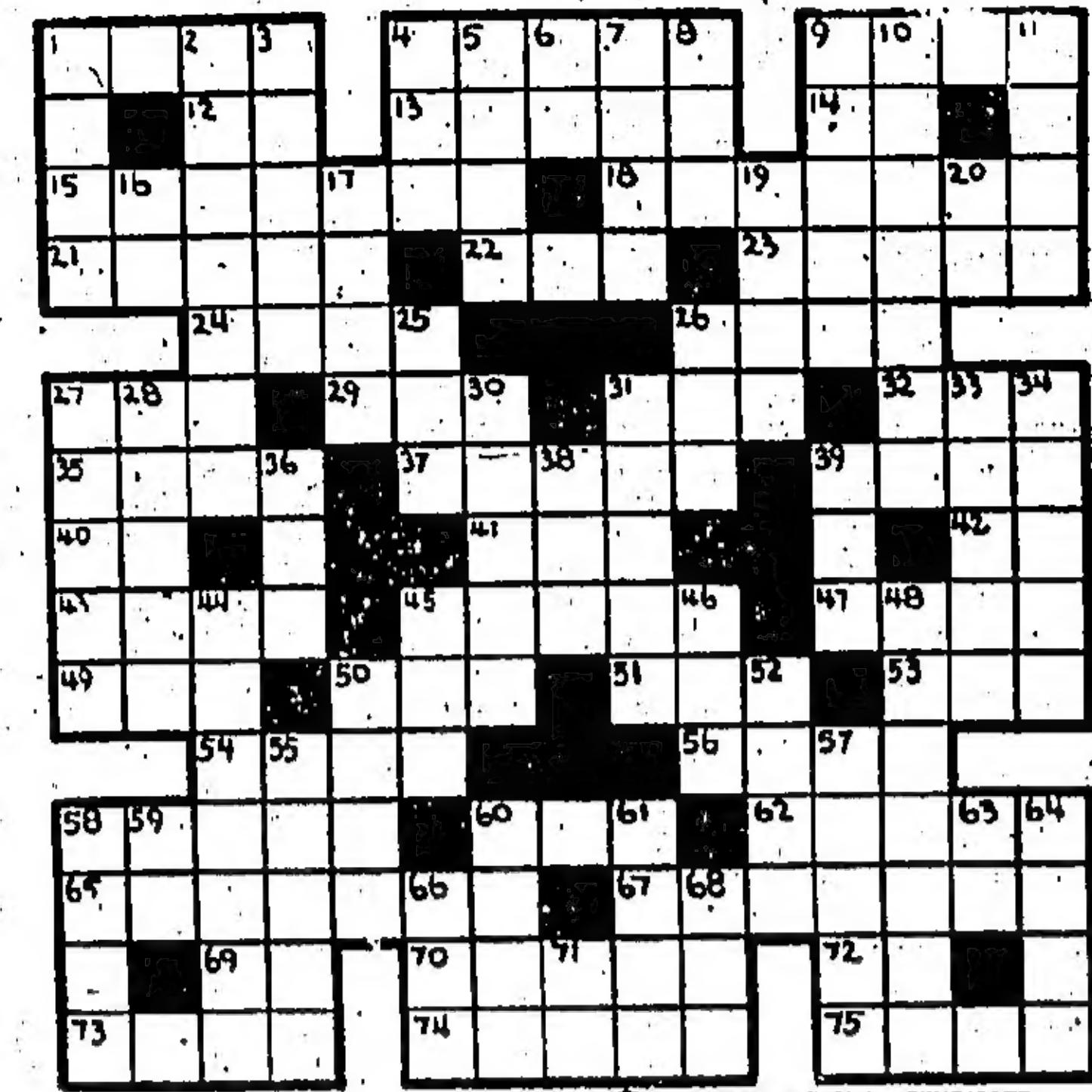
In that sweltering heat the

leaders rattled off the first four

miles of the long journey in 21

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as *harbor*, *plow*, and *altho.*)



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HORIZONTAL		VERTICAL (Cont.)	
1-Intuitive appreciation	19-Father	23-Girl's name	18- <i>Prefix</i> —form of "ad"
of what is fit	20- <i>Prefix</i> —form of "ad"	24-A sonorous organ	25-A sense organ
4-Plural of "that"	26-Personal pronoun	26- <i>Personal pronoun</i>	27-An extended area of
9-To float	28- <i>Standard</i>	28-A tree	land
12-River in N. France	29-A prickly bush	31- <i>Placed to the air</i>	32- <i>Capital of Tibet</i>
13-External	30-Possessive pronoun	33- <i>Capital of Tibet</i>	34-Part of the mouth
14-Daddy	31-Perfume	35-A ros (Scot.)	36-French for "friend"
15-A form of aeroplane	32- <i>Starfish, substance</i>	37- <i>To mounter</i>	44-Professional dancer
18-Excellent	33-Till salt" (abbr.)	38-Jovial	or singer
21-Being at rest	34-Musical instrument	39- <i>To dispatch</i>	45- <i>Prefix</i> —same as
22-Place	35-Military title	40-Ever if	"twi"
23-A cavern (poet.)	36- <i>To frame words out</i>	28- <i>Laundry utensil</i>	46-Nose
24-Emblem	37- <i>Letters (simple spelling)</i>	29- <i>Government house</i>	48- <i>Stewed fruit</i>
26-To frame words out	38- <i>To mounter</i>	30- <i>At Washington</i>	50-Small gull-like bird
30-Letters (simple spelling)	39- <i>One of the continents</i>	31- <i>Account</i>	52-Magnificent display
37-Ever if	40-Man's name (short)	41- <i>Part of the Bible</i>	53- <i>To check suddenly</i>
28- <i>Prefix</i> —"with"	41-Fish with spear-like snout	42- <i>Part of the Bible</i>	54- <i>Scattered</i>
31- <i>Interjection</i>	42-A division of Canada (abbr.)	43- <i>Denomination</i>	55- <i>Capital of Tibet</i>
32-A cloth measure	43-To place quickly or suddenly	44- <i>Time-period</i>	36-Part of the mouth
35-A form of bread	45-Cornered	45-Thorn	38-A ros (Scot.)
37- <i>Weird</i>	47-Frozen dessert (pl.)	46-Twigs for plaiting	39-French for "friend"
39- <i>One of the continents</i>	48-Froze ed of war	47-Underground, fur-bearing animal	44-Professional dancer
40-Man's name (short)	50-Pronoun	48-Some	or singer
41-Fish with spear-like snout	51- <i>Number</i>	51-Mountains in Switzerland	45- <i>Prefix</i> —same as
42-A division of Canada (abbr.)	52- <i>Plunge</i>	52-In this place	"twi"
43-To place quickly or suddenly	53- <i>Part of the Bible</i>	53-Celestial body	46-Nose
45-Cornered	54- <i>Right side (abbr.)</i>	54-Profit—"from"	48- <i>Stewed fruit</i>
47-Frozen dessert (pl.)	55- <i>Part of the Bible</i>	55-Spoken	50-Small gull-like bird
48-Froze ed of war	56- <i>Bar of a balance</i>	56- <i>Check suddenly</i>	52-Magnificent display
50-Pronoun	57- <i>Right side (abbr.)</i>	57- <i>Check suddenly</i>	53- <i>Scattered</i>
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

SHRIMP	AFFECT
PRANILE	ALRIGHT
RANKLE	LITTLE
END	LABOR
ATOP	THALT
DEMON	HAPLY
g DANGLER	
BAGGY	LA WELSH
RILLE	HAS SALE
ODE	FORTE TOM
WEAPON	ESTEEM
SNERO	WARNER
EASTER	SUITED

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

given by Professor Winifred Cullis, in particular relation to the girl, and by Mr. J. Feldman in particular relation to the boy.

## An International Summer School.

An international summer school is being organized at Westhill College, Selly Oak, Birmingham, from July 27-August 10, by the British section of the Women's International League.

The subject is "New Theories of Government: Socialism, Bolshevism, Fascism, etc., and their Relation to International Peace."

The lecturers will include Mrs. Swanwick, Mr. C. Roden Buxton, and Professor Salvemini.

Lectures and discussions will be given each day, at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., leaving the afternoon free for visits to the Birmingham Art Gallery, excursions into the Worcestershire country, and other outings.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

BY GOLLY, IF THERE'S ANYTHING WORSE TO DO THAN TO GO TO THAT LAWN PARTY IT WOULD BE TO GO TO ANOTHER.

MRS. DESINOUS JUST PHONED AN' SAID THE LAWN PARTY IS CALLED OFF AS IT IS RAININ'.

WHAT COULD BE SWEETER?

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## WRONG PUBLICITY.

HOW THEATRICAL BUSINESS SUFFERS.

## PRESS AGENTS.

[By Edgar Wallace.] I have a very high regard for press agents, possibly because for nine months I was one myself. But the good press agents can be numbered on the fingers of one hand. They are peculiarly interesting and hard-worked people, who are expected to perform miracles. That in part those miracles are performed at all is due entirely to the extraordinary generous attitude which the press adopts towards theatrical ventures.

From time to time one reads bitter outbursts on the part of disappointed, managements against the tyranny and unscrupulous vindictiveness of Fleet-street. To say that any bad play would have run, if it had not been for the notices, is as ridiculous as to suggest that a cab horse would have won the Derby, if the press writers had been unanimous in praising him.

Managers have a childlike faith in the power of the printed word. They believe that if their play can only be mentioned in newspaper paragraphs, business will automatically follow. They are easily outraged and depressed by uncomplimentary references to the goods which they are offering for sale; they are unduly elated by extravagant praise, even though they may know the praise is wholly undeserved, and will not be endorsed by the theatre-going public after personal inspection.

Certain Kinds of Publicity. The truth is that certain kinds of publicity are very bad indeed for the theatre, and particularly for the play which has induced that publicity. The theatre-going public is curiously sensitive to the atmosphere of a theatre. When it is announced in the public press, with or without sensational headlines, that "Miss Blossie Highkick" is leaving the cast of "The Blue-nosed Baboon" owing to a quarrel with the management, as to whether she shall wear stockings or appear in her own natural and shapely legs unadorned by silk covering," said that "Miss Dolly Twinkletoes is taking her place," it is quite possible that the news will thrill a section of the public, who take a morbid interest in the covering of legs and that it will inspire enthusiasm in the breasts of Miss Twinkletoes' followers. They will gather on the first night to howl a welcome, and scenes of the greatest enthusiasm may follow the final curtain fall; but the average man and woman tosses aside the paper and says, with a groan, "Oh, Lord! Don't let us see this show!" The average man has a feeling that he is intruding and taking part in a private quarrel.

Also the publicity spoils the illusion of the theatre. Miss Twinkletoes is no longer beautiful Mary, the squire's daughter, but just Miss Twinkletoes, who is taking the place of a lady who has quarrelled with the management.

Amicable Reshuffling. Even amicable reshuffling of cast produce most unpleasant effects. When Robert Loraine had an offer to produce films, and left the cast of "The Man Who Changed His Name," there was no sensational quarrel to interest the public. Nevertheless, on the bare announcement that a change was taking place, business dropped with a thud. To make matters worse, it happened just before holiday week, when theatrical business drops and disappears.

Never tell an audience what they're missing. And never, never take the trouble to explain that an act of any kind isn't as good as it might have been, owing to that interfering man, Cromer. It is stupid to dash into print and tell the public "We were going to show you something awfully good, but unfortunately you'll have to be disappointed with pale imitation."

All publicity that concentrates upon a stunt or some special feature of a play is bad. The stunts in "The Spider" killed it, as I respectfully suggested they would before the play opened. They killed "The Last Warning" and "The Big Drum," to name three plays.

Publicity is a two-edged axe, and the only kind that I personally ever want is that I'm building a yacht out of my profits on "The Man Who Changed His Name."

Another error that is made all too frequently is that the wide

## MINISTER'S ORDEAL.

## SECOND TRIAL OF WIFE MURDER CASE.

## ENDS IN HIS FAVOUR.

Melbourne.—The Rev. Ronald Griggs, a Methodist minister who was charged with having poisoned his wife with arsenic, has been found not guilty.

The jury in the first trial of Mr. Griggs failed to agree, a second trial was necessary.

Mr. Griggs, who is aged 27, was minister at the small town of Omeo, Victoria. His wife, 22 years old, died on January 2, and a doctor certified death as due to natural causes. Later the body was exhumed.

## CEYLON POLICE.

## A MAGISTRATE'S CAUSTIC COMMENTS.

Mr. H. P. Kaufmann, the Colombo Police Magistrate, made certain caustic comments, on the failure of Police Officers to be ready with their cases on the trial date.

When about the fourth case had to be postponed for this reason, the fifth case was called, when it was reported that the Inspector was ill.

The Magistrate then made the following observations:—Police not ready as it is said Inspector Meedin is ill and has not sent his crime file. No medical report or letter of any sort is sent and a constable merely gives the above information. This is about the fifth case this morning out of eight cases called for trial, in which the police officer in charge is absent without proper excuse. My roll is continually lengthened by the failure of police officers to be ready for trial on the due date. The Court is hardly ever informed of the failure to be ready for trial until the case is called for trial on the Bench. Almost invariably, the accused are ready for trial in these cases.

I forward case to the Superintendent of Police, Crimes, with an earnest request for his co-operation in the matter. Police officers are shockingly slack with regard to being ready for trial. I give another date in these cases with great reluctance.

announcement that the censor has banned a play gives the piece an especial value when the ban is lifted. The other day a gentleman announced his intention of putting on a drama, in which there was a sensational scene where a lady is stripped to the waist and nearly burnt with a real red-hot iron.

Whether the censor objected to the lady's indecency, or to the realness of the red-hot iron, is not explained.

The result of this wide advertising is that, when the play is eventually passed, and the lady, decently attired in an artificial silk nightie, is burnt by property iron, the people who would have been thrilled if no fuss had been made about the burning will yawn and be disappointed.

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## TRAGIC LAST WORKS.

## ACADEMY DECISION AND AN R.A.

## MR. CHARLES SIMS.

The Royal Academy is admitting to this year's exhibition six pictures by the late Charles Sims, R.A., which are of an occult description.

They were his last works, and belong to a category entirely different from any of his previous work. His friends describe them as "symbolical and mystical," and the artist has left behind him correspondence which reveals extreme anxiety that they should be put on exhibition.

Sir Frank Dicksee, the President of the Royal Academy, stated that the Hanging Committee had decided to admit these pictures, as they considered it the fairest thing for the public to judge the works for itself.

"We have been carefully considering the matter," said Sir Frank, "and the decision was to hang these works in the coming Exhibition as being on the whole the fairest course. The objection was raised that they do not represent him at his best, and this was duly discussed. I ventured to recommend to my colleagues that in order to do Mr. Sims and his powers justice, it would be well at a distant date to hold an exhibition of his work in the years when he was at his prime, and I hope to see this idea carried out."



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From	Per.
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Japan	Tanda
Shanghai and Swatow	Suiyang
THURSDAY, MAY 31.	
Shanghai and Amoy	Liangchow
FRIDAY, JUNE 1.	
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru
Europe via Negapatam (letters only)	London
3rd May	Nam Sang
Europe via Negapatam (papers only)	London
3rd May	Hector
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Seipore
Amoy	Takliwa
SATURDAY, JUNE 2.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren
MONDAY, JUNE 4.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison
Canada, U.S.A. and Shanghai	Empress of Canada
Australia and Manila	St. Albans
TUESDAY, JUNE 5.	
Japan and Shanghai	D'Artagnan
Saigon	Sphinx

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Shanghai	Yunnan
Amoy	Tilawa
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Japan	10 a.m.
Sandakan	10 a.m.
Straits	10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels noon.	
Letters 1 p.m.	Hosang
Swatow	Hydrangea
Shanghai	Talleyrand
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Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tean
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COTTON TRADE.

Serious Disputes in Lancashire.

THOUSANDS INVOLVED.

Trouble Follows Action Against Two Operatives.

London, Yesterday. Sixteen thousand weavers have been locked out at Nelson, Lancashire, following the dismissal of a weaver for alleged inefficiency whereupon the operatives of the mill concerned struck.

The employers have now closed all the mills in the district. Another stoppage is threatened in Oldham as the result of the dismissal of a woman cotton operative for alleged under-production. Other operatives threaten to strike.

The employers are determined to make a stand. Twenty thousand operatives are involved.—Reuters.

"TIPS" QUARREL.

ACCOUNTS OF A YAUMATI RESTAURANT.

MR. RUSS'S COMMENT.

Statements as to how gratuities in a Chinese restaurant were dealt with were made in the Summary Court this morning.

Mr. Siu Kam sued Mr. Wong To-sang, trading as the Pun Hing Kui of Yaumati, for \$554, under an agreement of Feb. 9, 1925, when he sold to plaintiff.

Mr. A. el Arculli, for the plaintiff, said that one of the terms of sale was that plaintiff—although his interest ceased—was still to get the equivalent of an employee's share of the "tips."

"Nebulous Claim."

In the course of argument, it was suggested that defendant's folks resented the plaintiff sharing in their tips. Mr. Arculli argued, however, that it was for defendant to pay plaintiff if he could not get it from his folks.

An adjournment was asked, as a subpoena taken out by Mr. Arculli had not been served by the Court. The man concerned was the principal witness for plaintiff.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, for defendant, said that it was a "nebulous claim" against an employer and, when it comes to facing the music, the man (referring to the witness) is in hiding."

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Mr. Arculli said that the restaurant's tips were kept in a till. The employer kept no account of them, but the guild of waiters kept a record. Tips were received by the employer from patrons and, in turn, passed on to employees.

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Opposing the adjournment, Mr. Russ said: "A cut with a sword is a useful thing, but if one gets a precedent for adjournment because a witness is absent, more cases will be adjourned."

His Lordship adjourned the case till next Wednesday, and the subpoena will be served during the interval.

COOLIE'S DEMAND.

LEADS TO THREE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR.

A scavenging coolie, employed by the Sanitary Department, was this morning charged before Lieut.-Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O., with demanding \$1 from a Chinese girl by menaces, and with misconduct as a public servant. The defendant admitted the charges. Detective Sergeant Humphreys said that there was a good deal of this "squeezing" going on among scavenging coolies and the Sanitary Department was unable to trace the culprits. In this case the defendant was caught by chance by a passing detective. The Magistrate passed sentence of three months' hard labour on each charge, remarking that he would not give the option of a fine. It was learned afterwards that the defendant had caught the girl throwing some rubbish into the street and demanded \$1 from her, threatening to arrest her if the money was not paid.

FAMOUS PICTURE.

Raphael's "Madonna and Child."

RECORD PRICE.

Reasons For Sir Joseph Duveen's Purchase.

New York, May 11. The "New York Times" says that Sir Joseph Duveen has purchased Raphael's "Madonna and Child" from Lady Desborough for \$75,000 dollars, or nearly 100,000 dollars more than the record sum paid for Gainsborough's "Blue Boy."

Sir Joseph Duveen is credited with the intention of leaving the picture in England for a time with the purpose of avoiding possible ill-feeling over its being taken to America, and eventually of selling it at cost price to the nation or to any public institution in Great Britain.

[Sir Joseph Duveen, the expert on old masters, was knighted in 1919. In recognition of his many services to British art, his gifts including an annual fund for the purchase of watercolours for the Tate Gallery, a sum for acquiring works by young British artists, a gallery for works by the late John Sargent, and a new wing for

MORE RAIN.

East winds; moderate; overcast, rain, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

Local rainfall for the 24 hours ended 10 a.m. to-day was 3.27 inches.

modern masters which was opened in 1926. Among Duveen's official purchases were Gainsborough's "Boy Blue," Lawrence's "Pinkie," and "Mrs. Davenport" by Romney, all of which fetched huge prices. In February, 1927, he bought Rembrandt's "Titus in an Armchair" from the Stillman collection for \$54,000, said to be a record price for a picture in America. A few days later he purchased the Benson collection of Italian old masters for \$50,000 and presented one of the pictures to the National Gallery—"Christ's Farewell to His Mother" by Correggio. He also gave "Augustus John's portrait of Mme. Suggia to the nation. One of his chief clients was the late H. E. Huntington, the New York millionaire collector.]

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MR. R. T. BRYAN APPOINTED.

The appointment of Mr. R. T. Bryan, Jr., as Prosecuting Solicitor in the Provisional Court in criminal cases brought by the Shanghai Municipal Police has been announced, and will become effective from June 1, says the "N. C. Daily News" to hand.

The new police prosecuting solicitor is a member of the local American law firm of Davies & Bryan, and is well known in legal circles. Mr. Bryan was born in Shanghai, in 1892, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Bryan, of the Southern Baptist Mission in Fao-shan, and he received his early education in Shanghai. He is conversant with both the Shanghai dialect and northern Mandarin, a fact which makes him particularly well suited to his new post.

He was graduated from the Fort Union Military Academy of North Carolina in 1916. In 1918 he was appointed acting U.S. District Attorney by Judge Lobinger at the U.S. Court for China at that time.

Mr. Bryan has written several articles dealing with various aspects of Chinese law, including a volume entitled "An Outline of Chinese Civil Law" and a number of articles on trademarks and extraterritoriality. Among his other activities in the local community he is vice-president of the American Bar Association for China, and a member of the Rotary Club, for which he acted as secretary for

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WORLD FLIGHT.

Another Starts to the East.

SPANISH AVIATORS.

French Machine Built In Madrid Being Used.

Seville, Yesterday. The Spaniards, Captain Jimenez and Captain Iglesias, have started eastwards on a world flight in an aeroplane called "Jesus Del Gran Poder."